- 7. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4) is produced by a weight which impacts said barrier (4).
- 8. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the device (3) generating a shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4) comprises a detonating pyrotechnic charge.
- 9. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the length of the application guide (8) is between 1 and 8 times the diameter of the fixed barrier (4) and preferably between 2 and 5 times said diameter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 5-9 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. \$1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

- 3. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1 either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that the shock wave generator device (3) produces a plane shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4).
- 5. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1 either of claims 1 and 4, characterized in that each cavity (7) has a form of revolution about an axis parallel to the direction of propagation of the shock wave.
- 6. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1 either of claims 1 and 4, characterized in that a plurality of cavities are distributed on the downstream face (6) of said barrier (4).
- 7. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in <u>claim 1 one of claims 1 to 3</u>, characterized in that the shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4) is produced by a weight which impacts said barrier (4).
- 8. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1 one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the device (3) generating a shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4) comprises a detonating pyrotechnic charge.
- 9. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1 one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the length of the application guide (8) is between 1 and 8 times the diameter of the fixed barrier (4) and preferably between 2 and 5 times said diameter.